

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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However, with the proposed radiation image recording and read-out apparatus, wherein the erasing light source is located on the side backward from the read-out unit, and the erasing light is irradiated simultaneously to the entire surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet in order to release energy remaining on the stimuable phosphor sheet, the read-out unit located between the stimuable phosphor sheet and the erasing light source intercepts the erasing light. Therefore, the problems occur in that the erasing light cannot be uniformly irradiated to the ~~enter~~ entire surface of the stimuable phosphor sheet.